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Title: PRELOADED DROP HAMMER FOR DRIVING PILES)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, the Applicant respectfully submits this Information Disclosure Statement to call to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B for consideration in the prosecution of the above-referenced application for U.S. patent. Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

U.S. Pat. No. 6,102,133 to Scheid et al. discloses a diesel hammer having a pressure accumulator that allows the diesel hammer to operate in a pressure air mode as well as a diesel mode.

U.S. Pat. No. 4,109,475 to Schnell discloses a system for varying the amount of fuel supplied to a diesel hammer based on the result of a plurality of proceeding strokes.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,967,688 to Inenaga et al. discloses a fuel injector for a diesel pile hammer comprising a nozzle having a bar that may be rotated and fixed in various angular positions. By varying the angular position of the bar, changes the turning velocity of a jet issuing from a passage defined by the bar to improve complete combustion of fuel.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,822,969 to Kümmel discloses a fuel injection pump for a diesel hammer. The pump includes a compression chamber of pump piston. A lever is actuated by the ram as it falls to force fuel into the appropriate chamber.

Submitted herewith are portions of an undated operator manual describing the basic operation of the Shanghai Jintai SEMW diesel hammer. This reference employs a control rope and control pulley to change the amount of fuel delivered to the combustion chamber as generally described in the BACKGROUND section of this application.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that these references, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the pending application is respectfully requested. If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with the Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. The Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this 30th day of January, 2004.

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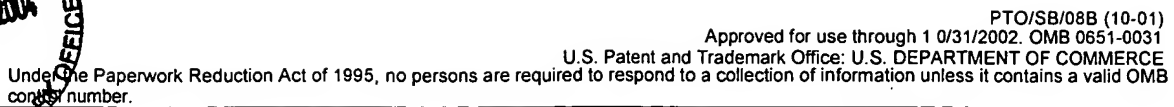
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